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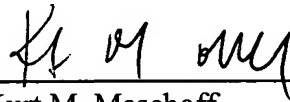
This preliminary amendment is presented prior to examination of the above-identified application and establishes a priority claim to pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/064,151.

Applicants respectfully request allowance of the pending claims. If any issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions for expediting allowance of the present application, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned via telephone at (203) 972-0081.

Respectfully Submitted,

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